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There is no business in the world that shows the predominant trait of the American as does the lumber business. The fling at the American made by a scion of nobility recently, on his visit to this country that: "They are all on the hog, to use one of their own expressions," has more truth than poetry in it. And this trait is more abnormally developed, or at least is given greater prominence in the manipulations of the lumber manufacturers than in any other line of business enterprises. Absolute disregard for the future seems to prevail in all these operations. The one aim seems to be to get the maximum amount of available timber off of a given piece of land at the minimum of cost. No thought is given to the reforestation of this land in the operations of cutting the timber, no protection to the young growth is considered; simply to skin the land of every available foot of stumpage at the least possible expense. The result is that besides harvesting the legitimate fruitage of mature trees the possessions of the generations to come are being impoverished by the destruction of the younger growth, and the capacity of the lumber interests is no great that the lumber supply, which a few years ago was estimated to be sufficient to last for 100 years will have been exhausted by the end of 30 years.

Treasurewell Cleveland, Jr., in a circular treating upon the conservation of the forests, soil, water, etc., says: "We are now cutting timber from the forests of the United States at the rate of 400 feet board measure a year for every man, woman and child. In Europe, they use only 60 board feet."

"At this rate, in less than thirty years all our remaining virgin timber will be cut. Meantime the forests which have been cut over are generally in a bad way for want of care they will produce only inferior second growth. We are clearly over the verge of a timber famine."

"This is not due to necessity, for the forests are one of the renewable resources. Rightly used, they go on producing crop after crop, indefinitely. The countries of Europe know this, and Japan knows it; and their forests are becoming with time not less, but more, productive. We probably still possess sufficient forest land to grow wood enough at home to supply our own needs, if we are not blind, or willfully wasteful, we may yet preserve our forest independence and with it the fourth of our great industries."

"Present wastes in lumber production are enormous. Take the case of yellow pine, which now heads the list in the volume of annual cut. In 1907 it is estimated that only one-half of all the yellow pine cut during the season was used, and that the other half, amounting to 8,000,000 cords, was wasted. Such waste is typical. Mr. R. A. Long, in his address on 'Forest Conservation' at the Conference of Governors last spring, pointed out that 20 percent of the yellow pine was simply left in the woods—a waste which represents the timber growing on 300,000 acres."

"The rest of the waste takes place at the mill. Of course, it would never do to speak of the material rejected at the mill as waste unless this material could be turned to use by some better and more thorough form of utilization. But in many other cases we know, and in many other cases we have excellent reason to believe, that most, if not all, of this material could be used with profit. It is simply a question of intelligent investigation and, more than all, having the will to economize."

"But there are other ways to conserve the forests besides cutting in half the present waste of forest products. The forests can be made to produce three or four times as rapidly as they do at present. This is true of both the virgin forests and the cut over lands. Virgin forests are often fully stocked with first-class timber, but this stock has been laid in very slowly, on account of the wasteful competition which is carried on constantly between the rival trees. Then too, in the virgin forests there are very many trees which have reached maturity and stopped growing, and these occupy more space which if held by younger trees, would be laying in a new stock constantly. As regards the cut-over land, severe cutting, followed by fire, has checked growth so seriously that in most cases reproduction is both poor and slow, while in many other cases there is no true forest reproduction at all at present, and there is but little hope for the future."

Now that Reuf has been convicted, it is up to the perjured blacklegs who liberated Schmitz to set Reuf free, and dollars to doughnuts they do so.

Note the label on your paper.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the merits or demerits of a free ferry. Many think we would lose more than we would gain. We are not omniscient by a large margin, and while there is a good bit of argument against the free ferry, we still believe that the many advantages it would give to St. Johns would far more than compensate us for the fancied losses, even though they should prove to be real.

In another column will be found a call for a meeting of the Commercial club to be held next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. It is the first evidence of life the club has manifested for the past six months, and it is hoped that every man in the city who has the interest of the city at heart will come out and help make up for lost time. Matters of vital importance to the future of St. Johns will be brought before the meeting. There is but one reason this club may not be a power for the progress of St. Johns, and that is the lack of harmony and common interest among the citizens. Can't we let bygones be bygones, come out every one and make this the strongest, most active club on the Peninsula. It will be money in everybody's pocket if we will.

We would like to congratulate the school board on its good judgment displayed in the selection of its instructors. The board has secured an exceptionally competent corps of teachers and we noted with a great deal of pleasure the improvement in the deportment of the pupils in some of the rooms and the deeper interest in the work that is being manifested. Our young people should improve every opportunity to acquire knowledge, particularly of a practical nature, for they will have many times the need of it within the coming half century than obtained during that just passed, and there will be an ever increasing demand for trained minds, with a corresponding decrease in the advantages offered the uneducated. This condition holds true in all the walks of life from farmer to the scientist. In America we are entering an era of education broader and deeper than has ever heretofore been conceived by a nation or people.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Ward.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ward was born in Maine in 1847 and moved from there at an early day to Wisconsin, where she lived until she came to Oregon in 1887 and settled near Oregon City. She lived there until May 1906, when she came to St. Johns. Here she has made a host of friends by her genial, kindly ways. Her death at the Good Samaritan hospital last Monday was occasioned by the second operation, which was made necessary by the imperfect healing of the wound of the former operation. In her enfeebled condition she could not rally from this operation.

Mrs. Ward was the mother of six children, five of whom survive her: William R. Lee of Fisher, Minn.; Ward and Raymond Lee and Mrs. A. N. Glover of Omaha, Neb. Another daughter, Mrs. Alice Davidson, died in Oswego five years ago. She is also survived by several brothers and sisters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and enjoyed the distinction of having become a great-grandmother at the early age of 57.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Montgomery of the Second Presbyterian church of Portland at Finlay's parlors, yesterday, and later ceremonies held in the I. O. O. F. hall, where as a member of the Rebekah lodge she was united in marriage with Mr. G. Ward, (who also survives her) Rev. Montgomery also having officiated at the wedding. The interment was made at Oswego and attended by a large number of her friends. There were many beautiful floral offerings, among them was noticed one from her children, one from each, The Fraternal Brotherhood, Rebekahs and several others we cannot name, all attesting the loving regard she had won by her gentle, kindly life in our midst. In the short time she lived in St. Johns she won a large circle of friends, who will sincerely mourn her departure, and their most earnest sympathies go out to her husband and children in their bereavement.

## BITGOOD & COLE

Did not have time to make up an ad for this week, the boys and girls are making life a burden for them just as the older people are getting their orders booked for their Christmas festivities. They know they can get anything they want at this market, and they make it a point to come early and in that way avoid the rush. This is appreciated by the market people, too, for it gives them a better chance to put the order in such a shape that the pretty little dutch cook's face just shines as she sees the delicious dishes leave her hand. So BITGOOD & COLE want you to

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## Fraternal Orders Elect.

At their regular annual election Wednesday evening the St. Johns camp of W. O. W. elected the following officers: D. Tallman, C. C.; J. A. Cole, Adv. Lient.; E. S. Wright, banker; (re-elected) W. E. Swengel, clerk; (re-elected) G. F. West, escort; A. W. Vincent, physician; Bert Johnson, watchman; B. H. Darling, sentry; managers: L. A. Crane, 18 months; M. A. Bitgood, 12 months; R. C. Clark, 6 months.

Plans were also made for holding a public joint installation with the Oregon Grape circle of the Women of Woodcraft in January, the exact date has not yet been decided on. The entire session was a very interesting one and closed with the customary banquet. This camp is also invited to the 18th annual banquet of the Webfoot camp of Portland this evening.

General Compson Post No. 22 G. A. R., at their annual election held Saturday, December 5, elected the following named officers to serve the ensuing year:

R. H. Miller, commander; L. B. Chipman S. V. C.; Geo. Adams, J. V. C.; E. H. Parker, Q. M.; J. P. Brown, chaplain; P. T. Hanson, surgeon; O. E. Bemis, O. D.; W. H. Guile, O. G.; delegates to encampment: Thomas Hollister, S. M. Horton and L. B. Chipman; alternates: W. L. McCollum, G. H. Randall and P. T. Hanson.

At the post's next regular meeting the post will entertain General Compson W. R. C. at their hall, also all veterans.

The General Compson W. R. C. elected the following officers at their last regular meeting, to serve the ensuing year: Mrs. Chaney, president; Mrs. Barnard, S. V.; Mrs. Lathrop, Jr. Vice; Mrs. Hanson, delegate to encampment; Mrs. Hewitt, secretary; Mrs. Robinson, treasurer; Mrs. Elliott, conductor. Appointive offices will be filled later.

The Holmes lodge K. of P. has elected the following officers to serve the first half of the coming year: L. W. Brunson, C. C.; B. F. Horsman, V. C.; W. A. Storr, K. of R. and S.; J. N. Edlefson, M. of F.; H. C. Finch, M. of E.; A. Unger, M. of W.; A. Carl Nelson, prelate; Fred Valentine, I. G.; J. H. Black, O. G.; Barney Noonan, M. of A.; B. T. Leggett, trustee.

## Great St. Johns Hold-up.

Elwood went to school one day—  
He rambled down the road.  
He walked until he met two men,  
Who relieved him of his "load."

They asked him for his money,  
But he didn't have a cent  
So, he gave to them his dinner  
And then, you bet he "went".

He ran until he came to school  
And fell into his seat.  
The teacher said: "What is it, dear?"  
He said: "I've got cold feet!"

So she sent him to the office,  
There to get his "tootsies" warm,  
And they phoned for a policeman  
Who would keep him from all harm.

Now, "Elwood is a hero,"  
So all the school kids say;  
'For it always doesn't happen,  
You get robbed every day!"

## Baby Shower.

Mrs. W. L. Plummer was the recipient of such a "baby shower" that her heart must have felt satisfied, to say the least. Now, don't get excited, it was not triplets—not a shower of babies, but a baby shower, where a houseful of the friends of the new baby's mamma gathered to pay their respects to the new arrival and shower him with presents of everything useful for his comfort.

It was a very pleasant surprise to Mrs. Plummer when her 14 visitors came marching in. There were light refreshments served and a penny test in which Mrs. Kelley was the successful contestant.

## Wilhelm-Hughes.

Mr. Harley W. Wilhelm and Miss Bessie Evelyn Hughes were united in marriage, Sunday, December 6, 1908 at 7:30 a. m. at the home of the bride's parents, 210 South Hayes street, St. Johns. The solemn words that made them husband and wife were pronounced by Rev. G. W. Nelson, of the Congregational church, in the presence of a good number of relatives of the contracting parties.

The groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wilhelm, of Peru, Indiana, is a young man of ability, good character and industrious and steady habits. He is a cigar maker by trade and at present is an employe of M. Gardener's cigar factory, Portland.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hughes of this city. She is a graduate of the St. Johns grammar school of the class of 1907 and is a young lady of attractive appearance and winsome personality. She is held in high esteem by all who know her. The happy young couple will make their home at 31st and Alberta streets, Portland. May a long, happy and prosperous married life be theirs.

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This enterprising bunch of young people gladly took advantage of Mr. Gesler's generosity and are already hustling for the sale. They have had printed a number of cards with holes punched in the corner and strings tied in them for attaching to the coat or other garment. These tags they will sell to their members and friends to defray expenses and help to advertise the sale. The goods will be sold at the same prices or in some instances even lower, and on the same terms as on regular sales, and five per cent of the sales will be given to the society. This will be a splendid opportunity for you to buy your Christmas presents and at the same time give these worthy young people a boost.

The Reed-French piano company will put one of their fine pianos on exhibition in the store and if a sale can be effected the society will get the agents commission on that. If you are thinking of buying a piano, or getting married, go to Calef Brothers and help boost the C. E. sale.

## Dry Dock Notes.

The Geo. W. Elder of the North Pacific Steamship company arrived in Portland Monday evening and discharged her cargo at the wharf. Tuesday morning she came to the drydock and was lifted during the afternoon. She is being cleaned and repainted and having a few minor repairs made to her propeller and steering gear. The Elder is scheduled to leave Martin's dock a day later on account of having to go on the dock.

The steam schooner Washington and ship Leland Brothers are still laying along side the drydock waiting to be chartered.

The steam ship Argo left San Francisco Monday to go on the Portland-Tillamook run. Mr. Elmore, of Astoria, has placed his steamer, Sue H. Elmore on the run, which will make two competitive lines between Portland and Tillamook.

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